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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Salem Al-Sabah advised the Ambassador March 19 that the Kuwaiti cabinet had agreed to the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) fuel contract at the price of \$39 per barrel, (\$36 GOK budget price plus \$3 refinery fee), and agreed to raise the quantities as requested previously by CENTCOM up to approximately 1,000,000 (from 880,000) gallons per day. The Ambassador thanked the minister, accepted the terms of the proposal on behalf of the USG, and advised that DOD would dispatch DESC personnel promptly to finalize a contract with the Kuwait Petroleum Company well before the end of March when the current extension expires.

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